

Happy Pride Month 2024!

Honoring the Progress Made Since Tumultuous Times

It is important that we take this time to celebrate the vibrant history of the LGBTQ+ community and the strides made around the world towards equality. Pride Month's origins trace back to the first anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in 1970, symbolizing a pivotal moment in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. The month-long celebration honors the progress made since those tumultuous times but also underscores the ongoing struggles these communities face.

This is a valuable time to reflect on the positive changes made towards equality after decades of activism and hard work. However, this year's festivities unfold against a concerning backdrop of numerous state laws in the U.S. that target LGBTQ+ rights.



June 1st kicks off pride month. Photo credit to No Dem Left Behind.

This year, amidst the colorful parades and joyous celebrations, there is a shadow cast by the increasing legislative attacks on transgender rights in several U.S. states. Recent laws have significantly impacted the lives of many by restricting access

to sports, healthcare, and other public accommodations.

Globally, the situation remains dire in many places, with severe penalties for LGBTQ+ individuals in over 60 countries. This harsh reality reminds us of the necessity of continued advocacy and vigilance.

As we gather in solidarity this Pride Month, let's also commit to action. It's crucial to support organizations fighting for LGBTQ+ rights and participate in advocacy efforts to protect and extend these hard-won freedoms.

The fight for equality is far from over, and your support is more critical than ever. Let us stand together this Pride Month and beyond, to ensure a future where everyone can live openly and safely as themselves.

Honeyman

If you know the word, you know the place — a south coast paradise featuring freshwater lakes, forested trails, and, of course, Oregon's famous sand dunes. Memories of camping and playing at Honeyman State Park are among the most cherished for generations of Oregonians. But who was Jessie M. Honeyman, for whom the park is named?

A Tireless Advocate for Oregon

Jessie M. Honeyman was born in Scotland in 1852 and emigrated to Oregon with her husband. Impressed by Oregon's scenic beauty, Jessie became what you could call a very early influencer. When the Parks Department was launched in 1921, Jessie impressed its leadership with her passion for preserving Oregon's natural landscapes and its best places. Working in close consultation with parks superintendent Samuel Boardman, Jessie was able to enact



her vision of roadside beautification. Between the two of them, they also protected many parcels of scenic land along the coast. Her efforts were acknowledged in 1941 when Jessie M. Honeyman State Memorial Park was officially dedicated in her honor.

Support for Honeyman and Beyond

The Oregon Lottery is proud to be a part of the legacy embodied by Jessie Honeyman and all of the 250+ parks, scenic points, beaches and heritage sites that comprise our State Parks system. Your lottery play helps support Oregon State Parks, preserving the work of Jessie Honeyman, Samuel Boardman and the other early visionaries who worked so hard to preserve the places of beauty and recreation we all enjoy today. **Together, we do good things.**



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